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SUBJ: METHANOL SALES IN AUSTRALIA

1. THE AUSTRALIAN DEPT OF CONSTRUCTION, WHICH OPERATES THE LOWER MOLONGLO WATER QUALITY CONTROL CENTER, HAS CONTACTED THE EMBASSY CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF METHOL FOR THE PLANT FACILITIES. A DESCRIPTION OF THE LOWER MOLONGLO CENTER APPEARS ON PAGE 9 - 39 OF AN EPA PUBLICATION ENTITLED "PROCESS DESIGN FOR NITROGEN CONTROL."
2. THE LOWER MOLONGLO CENTER CURRENTLY USES 2000 TONS OF METHANOL ANNUALLY AND EXPECTS TO USE 4000 TONS ANNUALLY IN 6 TO 10 YEARS. IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES CAN SUPPLY METHANOL TO SYDNEY AT AUST DOLLARS 188 PER TON AND JAPANESE METHANOL WOULD COST AUST DOLLARS 120 PER TON.
3. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPT. OF CONSTRUCTION THERE APPEARS TO BE A DESIRE TO DO BUSINESS WITH U.S. COMPANIES.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: IDENTIFY U.S. CHEMICAL COMPANIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING METHANOL TO THE SYDNEY STORAGE FACILITY FOR USE IN THE LOWER MOLONGLO CENTER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.
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